

MIDDLEMEN BOOST PRICES, BUT LESS IS PAID TO FARMERS

U. S. Reports Shoe Dealers
Piled Up Huge Profits in
Last Five Months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Middlemen have accumulated vast profits during the five months of the Government's campaign to reduce prices of necessities, investigations of two Government departments indicated today.

Since the middle of August when Attorney General Palmer announced he was "going after the price gougers" reports show that:

Prices paid farmers for principal crops decreased from 14 to 17 per cent. each month, according to the Agriculture Department.

Prices paid by consumers increased continuously until they reached the highest point in history in December, according to the Labor Department.

These reports seem to indicate that middlemen are buying cheaper, but receiving the highest prices ever obtained.

The history of the increase in prices paid by producers for 22 articles is shown by the Labor Department index numbers as beginning in September. In that month the index figure of prices of principal commodities was 152. In October it remained the same, but in November it jumped to 192 and in December had risen itself to 197.

What this means is seen in the Labor Department's report from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, which shows that retail prices increased as follows: Cabbage, 36 per cent.; onions, 17 per cent.; granulated sugar, 16 per cent.; strictly fresh eggs, 11 per cent.; potatoes, 10 per cent.; flour, 4 per cent.

Butter and storage eggs, 3 per cent.; from milk, 5 per cent.; and lamb evaporated milk, oleomargarine and rice, 1 per cent. each.

ENORMOUS POTATO SUPPLY HELD BACK

Farmers Cannot Be Prosecuted Because They Are Exempted Under the Law.

SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—Investigation conducted by the United States Department of Justice has disclosed that thousands of tons of potatoes are held at Yakima, Wash., and at points near Seattle by growers who are waiting for higher prices. Ben L. Moore, United States District Attorney, has announced here.

No steps can be taken against the growers, Mr. Moore said, as the Lever food control act expressly exempts them from its provisions.

Vined as Profiteers.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 27.—Samuel F. Flansburgh, George M. Goldsmith and A. M. Collins, all of Boston, officers of the F. G. Collins Shoe Company of

Providence, were each fined \$1,000 on charges of profiteering in the Federal Court yesterday. It is alleged that they instructed the salesman to obtain as much more than the actual sale price on shoes as they possibly could get.

Canvassers Predict Still Higher Food Prices.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 27.—Higher food prices for 1920 were predicted today by delegates to the joint convention of the National Cannery and Ship-

ping Association and the National United Food and Dried Fruit Brokers Association.

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HUMMING BIRD PROFITEER.

Illinois Woman Complains—Only 10 "Kicks" Against Prices There.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The Illinois Women's Fair Price Commission, which distributed 25,000 blank "complaint" cards, received only ten replies from women who believed they were victims of profiteers. One card carried a long complaint about the price of humming birds.

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gouging them would rather pay the excess than run the risk of being called as a profiteer. Third, dealers have threatened that informants will be blacklisted.

Waldorf-Astoria Bar Cut to Bits for Non-Feet.

The Waldorf-Astoria barroom, which is being transformed into a men's dining room, attracted many souvenir hunters yesterday. They asked Ezra Bingham, chief engineer in the tearing down of the famous bar, for sections of the footrail, hand carved joints and knurled and blocks of valuable wood. There are two bronze statues, one of a bear the other of a bull, symbolizing Wall Street. It is reported that large offers were made for these works of art.

WILL CHANGE NAME OF CHARITIES DEPT.

Aldermen Decide to Redesignate Department of Public Welfare.

The Board of Aldermen will today act favorably on a recommendation of its Committee on State Legislation that the name of the Department of Charities be changed to Department of Public Welfare. After the board acts there will be a bill introduced in the State Legislature permitting the change of

title in the City Charter. Aldermanic President La Guardia objected to the word "charities" in a city department. Mayor Hylan agreed with him, as did the members of the Aldermanic State Legislation Committee, the majority of whom are Democrats. Charles Commissioner Coler also favored the change.

The Aldermanic Committee on State Legislation also introduced a resolution by Majority Leader William T. Collins, approving the action of Gov. Smith in calling for a referendum on the Prohibition Federal Amendment. The three Republican members voted against the resolution.

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THE mission of the Winter coat to be warm and snug and at the same time to express the height of style distinction, is delightfully realized in these late models of Silvertone and Velour de Laine, with their graceful collars of self material or sumptuous fur.

Reduced to
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FUR tells the story of the Winter mode in language of wonderful charm, expressed in smart collars of Squirrel, Taupe Nutria and Raccoon that compete with the very finest materials, Silvertip Bolivia, Velour de Laine and Evora, in producing these becoming garments.

Reduced to
75.00

COATS of Peachbloom, Vellouise, Crystal Cord and Bolivia that owe their attractiveness not only to their exquisite textile beauty but to dashing collars of Squirrel, Taupe Nutria and Raccoon that transform an otherwise simple garment into one of elegance and individuality.

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THE ever-present feminine desire for elaborate Winter apparel is completely satisfied in the coats of Evora, Vellouise, Velour de Laine, Silvertip Bolivia, Bokhara, Bolivia and Frost Glo with their collars and cuffs of Australian Opossum, Taupe Nutria, Squirrel and Beaver.

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TOUCHING the keynote of correct style and achieved in fabrics appropriate for the really smart tailleur are the suits of Yalama, Velour de Laine and Duvel Superior, with graceful collars of Jap Mink and Taupe Nutria giving added reasons for feminine favor. All sizes for women and misses.

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ACORDIAL welcome is assured these fur-trimmed suits of Tinseltone, Velour de Laine and Yalama, especially by those who incline to the unusual in attire, a feature emphasized by surprising touches of Squirrel, Taupe Nutria and Ringtail. In all sizes for women and misses.

A Number of Models Reduced to
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The Values Are Most Extraordinary

NEW Frocks reflecting the spirit of Spring in themes of youth and gaiety are of Taffeta Silk, ruffled and pleated or developed in soft and radiant beaded Georgette, embroidered Tricotine and deftly draped Satin, with new skirt effects as one of the interesting features.

Very Specially Priced
30.00

THE Spring vogue is very rich in decorative ideas, revealed in lovely embroidery or resplendent beadwork, used with telling effect in these dainty models of Georgette and Tricotine or those of Taffeta Silk, incomparably lovely in elaborate motifs of delicate ruffles and charming draperies.

Very Specially Priced
50.00

IRIDESCENT, Shell, Sphinx and Crystal beading, in designs that are a revelation of colorful beauty, are used with striking emphasis in these new Spring frocks of Crepe Meteor, Georgettes and Satin; other pleasing details are girdles of contrasting silk and lace collars of rare delicacy and charm.

Very Specially Priced
75.00

Fwonderful richness, youth and grace, are the new Spring frocks of Crepe Georgette, fairylike in their transparent loveliness and shimmering richness, with gold thread embroidery, beading in fanciful designs, the smart pleated skirt and other effects accentuating their simple beauty.

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Formerly 9.75 to 11.75	7.95
Formerly 12.75 to 14.75	8.95
Formerly 16.50 to 18.50	12.75
Formerly 22.50 to 26.50	15.00
Formerly 28.50 to 37.50	19.75
Formerly 39.00 to 59.00	29.50

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A collection which includes odd pieces in Nightgowns,
Chemises and Drawers

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Formerly 6.95 to 8.95	5.00
Formerly 9.75 to 11.75	7.95
Formerly 13.75 to 16.50	11.75
Formerly 18.50 to 22.50	13.75
Formerly 26.50 to 32.50	19.75
Formerly 33.50 to 39.50	25.00

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Formerly 23.50 to 29.50	19.75
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